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Map: Coronavirus and School Closures in 2019-2020

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The coronavirus pandemic forced a near-total shutdown of school buildings in the spring of 2020—an historic upheaval of K-12 schooling in the United States.

Education Week tracked and documented the closures—first at the school or district level and ultimately, state-by-state, from March 6 to May 15, 2020.

At their peak, the closures affected at least 55.1 million students in 124,000 U.S. public and private schools. Nearly every state either ordered or recommended that schools remain closed through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

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- Looking for information about the 2020-21 school year? Education Week tracked where schools were open or closed due to COVID-19 here: [Map: Where Has COVID-19 Closed Schools? Where Are They Open?](#)
- You can also see how over 900 school districts provided instruction on their first day of the 2020-21 school year here: [School Districts' Reopening Plans: A Snapshot](#)
- For more information, see our detailed [coverage of the pandemic and its impact on schools](#).

Update Note: A previous version of this page included an interactive map and a table that showed which states didn't order or recommend school buildings to be closed for the academic year. Both the map and the table have since been removed. The states that didn't close for the academic year were Montana and Wyoming.

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Explore the table below for detailed information about closures at the state level.

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Alabama	AL	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/19/20	4/6/20	1,513	744,930
Alaska	AK	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/16/20	4/9/20	507	132,737
American Samoa	AS	State ordered closure	Ordered closed until further notice	3/23/20	n/a	28	n/a
Arizona	AZ	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/16/20	3/30/20	2,308	1,123,137
Arkansas	AR	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/17/20	4/6/20	1,089	493,447
Bureau of Indian Education	BIE	Closures determined at school/district levels	Varies by school/district	n/a	n/a	174	45,399
California	CA	State recommended closure	Recommended closed for the academic year	3/19/20	4/1/20	10,286	6,309,138
Colorado	CO	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/23/20	4/20/20	1,888	905,019
Connecticut	CT	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/17/20	5/5/20	1,250	535,118
Delaware	DE	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/16/20	4/24/20	228	136,264
Department of Defense Education Activity	DoD	State recommended closure	Recommended closed for the academic year	3/25/20	5/1/20	163	70,852
District of Columbia	DC	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/16/20	4/17/20	223	85,850
Florida	FL	State recommended closure	Recommended closed for the academic year	3/16/20	4/18/20	4,178	2,816,791
Georgia	GA	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/18/20	4/1/20	2,300	1,764,346
Guam	GU	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/16/20	4/6/20	41	30,758
Hawaii	HI	State ordered closure	Ordered closed for the academic year	3/23/20	4/17/20	290	181,550

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Sources: Staff reporting; National Center for Education Statistics; government websites and communications

Note: Historical data includes school- and district-level data collected from 3/9/2020 to 3/25/2020 and state-level data as of 5/15/2020.

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All numbers for student enrollment and schools are from the National Center for Education Statistics. Total U.S. public and private school enrollments reflect NCES' 2019 projections. Student enrollments in the state-level table and map are NCES' Fall 2016 data for public schools and Fall 2017 data for private schools. Numbers of schools

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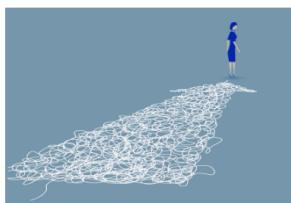
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